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**HOLDING DEVICE FOR ICE-CREAM CONES
AND METHOD FOR THE USE THEREOF**

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

[0001] The present invention concerns a holding device for ice-cream cones. The invention also concerns a method for using the holding device.

[0002] When selling and handling ice-cream cones, for example soft ice, it is often a problem that special cone-holders are to be used if the filled ice-cream cones cannot be handed over successively to the customer or receiver.

[0003] The invention is a new and improved holding device of the kind specified in the introduction, and which in a simple way enables placing a cone or a cornet filled with ice, for example soft ice, on a plane base, for a counter or a table.

Description of the Invention

[0004] The holding device according to the invention is has a projecting support member at a side of the opening, the support member designed with a straight edge part which is spaced apart from the opening and extends perpendicularly relative to a center axis through the support member and the opening. In a simple way and by means of the holding device according to the invention it is hereby possible to place a cornet or a cone filled with ice-cream, for example soft ice, on a plane base, for example a counter or a table. It is thus necessary to have disposal of current holding devices with a number of holes for accommodating a corresponding number of filled ice cones. The straight edge part of the support member prevents in a simple way the holding device with a cornet or cone filled with ice-cream from turning over or rolling around.

[0005] Suitably, the holding device according to the invention may be made double in such a way that it includes two uniform sides that are continuous and bent about the straight edge part, that is the holding device includes two continuous support members and two mutually separated uniform holder parts with two circular openings disposed opposite each other.

[0006] Preferably, the holding device according to the invention is designed so that the holder part essentially is shaped as a ring which at one side is connected with the support member or the support members.

[0007] Advantageously, the holding device according to the invention may furthermore be designed so that the support member or support members are designed with side edges extending with a convex curving shape from opposed ends of the straight edge part towards the annular holder part or holder parts.

[0008] The invention furthermore is a method for using the holding device according to the invention in connection with a cornet or a cone for edible ice, for example soft ice, the method comprising:

enveloping a cornet or cone by a napkin;

passing the holder part of a holding device around the napkin and securing it externally of the cornet or cone;

filling ice-cream or soft ice into the cornet or in the cone; and

preferably placing the filled cornet or the filled cone on a flat base supported by the support member of the holding device.

[0009] The method according to the invention may include additional steps:
placing a piece of chocolate, a piece of candy and/or a towelette is placed in the double support member in such a way that the item in question projects outside the sides of the support member.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0010] The invention is described more closely in connection with the drawing, on which:

- Fig. 1 shows a cornet or a cone;
- Fig. 2 shows a plan view of an embodiment of a holding device according to the invention;
- Fig. 3 shows a perspective view of a holding device according to the invention disposed on a cornet or an ice-cream cone;
- Fig. 4 shows a second embodiment of a holding device according to the invention;
- Fig. 5 shows a perspective of an ice-cream cone with a napkin which is fixed externally of the ice-cream cone by means of a holding device according to the invention;
- Fig. 6 shows a perspective view of an ice-cream cone, cf. Fig. 4, which is filled with soft ice.
- Fig. 7 shows a plan view of a third embodiment of a holding device according to the invention;
- Fig. 8 shows a perspective view of a fourth embodiment of a holding device according to the invention;
- Fig. 9 shows a perspective view of a fifth embodiment of a holding device according to the invention; and
- Fig. 10 shows a perspective view of a sixth embodiment of a holding device according to the invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0011] In Fig. 1 is shown a cornet or an ice-cream cone 2, while Fig. 2 shows a holding device 4 with a holder part 6 with a circular opening 8 for accommodating a cornet or a cone 2 and a support member 10 projecting from the holder part 6 and provided with a straight edge part 12 spaced apart from the holder part 6 and with side edges 14 extending with a convex curving shape from opposed ends of the edge part 12 towards the holder part 6.

[0012] In Fig. 3 is shown how a double embodiment of a holder device 14 is mounted externally of the cornet or cone 2, so that it by itself may be supported at an inclining position on a plane surface, for example a counter or a table.

[0013] Fig. 4 shows a double embodiment of a holding device 14 which is bent along the common straight edge 12, that is the holding device 14 has two uniform holder parts 16, 18 and of two uniform continuous double support members 20, 22, which, as shown in Fig. 5, may be used for holding a piece of chocolate 21, a piece of candy or a towelette.

[0014] In Fig. 5 is furthermore shown how the ice cone 2 may be enveloped by a napkin 24 which is fixed externally on the ice cone 2 by means of the holding device 14. that is the ice cone 2 is now ready to be filled with ice-cream, that is soft ice. Fig. 6 shows the filled ice cone 2 mounted with a napkin 24 which is fixed externally of the ice cone 2 by means of the holding device 14. In a good way is hereby avoided spilling too much ice-cream down over hands and arms. By means of a ice cone holder according to the invention one is provided the option of putting the ice-cream cone aside instead of asking someone else to hold the ice.

[0015] Fig. 7 shows a third embodiment of a holding device 26 largely corresponding to the holding device 4 cf. Fig. 2, but where the support member 10 is designed with two circular holes 28 intended for receiving and fixing an elongated item, for example a disposable teaspoon of plastic, which is passed through both holes 28.

[0016] The holding device 30 shown in Fig. 8 is provided with a double-walled support member 10 which in a front wall part 32 is provided with a holder flap 34 intended for fixing an item which in that case extends transversely of the support member 10 at both sides of the holding flap 34. The double-walled support member 10 may, similar to the double support members 20, 22 compare Figs. 3-6, serve to receive and fix an item, for example a piece of candy, a piece of chewing gum or a piece of chocolate.

[0017] In the holding device 36 shown in Fig. 9, a support member 10 is designed with a primary holding flap 38 which in turn is designed with a lesser secondary holding flap 40, where the holding flaps 38, 40 may serve to secure for example one or more pieces of candy or the like.

[0018] In the holding device 42 shown in Fig. 10, a support member 44 along a straight edge part 46 is designed with an extension in the shape of a bent wing part 48 which by means of a central wing tongue 50 may be fixed in a central holding slot 52 in the support member 44, so that an item, for example a piece of candy, a piece of chewing gum or a piece of chocolate may be secured between the support member 44 and the wing part 48.